Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Am I to take it that this special encouragement was deemed necessary?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—This was deemed necessary, as I said, and it was allowed to operate for some time, when the amount of money involved went up from two thousand to ten thousand which also showed that there was a remarkable increase in the number of girls attending the schools. The concession being in the nature of an exception, Government thought that the time had come to withdraw the concession. The question of expenditure is only partial.

School-going population.

24. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state: —

the latest statistics about the school-going population and the number of persons of the school-going age, males and females separately classified, of the following communities:—

i. Caste-Hindus. ii. Non-caste-Hindus. iii. Christians. iv. Jews v. Muslims.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Census Superintendent has already been asked to collect the necessary statistics which will be ready only when the several statements are compiled in his office.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether we can expect these statistics early?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is bound up with the census operation to a certain extent.

Chennamangalam Panchayat.—Civil powers.

25. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state why the scheme for conferring civil powers on the Chennamangalam Panchayat is left in pendation so long?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The matter will be considered along with the general question of investing all the Panchayats with civil powers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether there are already some Panchayats with civil powers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, there are.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So the question will be decided soon.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has not been any request from the Panchayat for the last so many years. There was a meeting and in their representation so many other things were also included. It was thought desirable to decide the question with the general question. It may be necessary o have some re-grouping.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There was a requisition from the Panchayat.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was in 1100, years ago. They have not repeated their requests. There are other requests as well. Some re-grouping is necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, on what principle were some Panchayats allowed these powers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was considered to be essential. We could not wait any more. Very urgent it was.

Orders on the Special Finance Committee Report.

26. Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—Orders on the Special Finance Committee's Report.

On page 10 of the Cochin Government Gazette, published on the 16th Meenam 1105 it is stated as follows:—

"Another resolution recommends that, in the case of those drawing Rs. 60 and below who have put in 25 years' service, the maximum of their pay may be given *at once* and with effect from 1st Chingam 1104."

"This is accepted, but with effect from 1st Chingam 1105".

1. With regard to this, whether the concession regarding drawing the maximum pay *at once* was not granted from 1st Chingam 1105;

2. if so, whether officers, who had 25 years' service on 1st Chingam 1105 and who subsequently got promotion to the grade 25—40 or 40—60 are allowed to enjoy the benefit of the concession?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Yes.

2. No.

Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—Are there officers who have suffered because other officers were given extensions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Which is the sub-division, please?

Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—(2).

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know how that question arises.

President.—The supplementary question does not arise from this question. Any other question?

Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—But there are sufferers.

Registry Office—Narakkal.

27. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to open a Registry Office at Narakkal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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